GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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DEVELOPMENT OF EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCILS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plans to develop more export promotion councils in the country to promote exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to promote export promotion councils in the country;

(d) the details of the amount allocated, disbursed and utilized for the same during the last three years;

(e) whether the Union Government as well as the State Government of Tamil Nadu find it very difficult to fund and monitor the performance of export promotion councils; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard.

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a). No, Sir.

(b). Does not arise.

(c). Under the Exim Policy, the Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) have been made responsible for the promotion of a particular group of products, projects and services. Financial support to EPCs is provided under the Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme to facilitate various promotional activities such as participation and organization in respect of international exhibitions/fairs, buyer-seller meets, sales-cum-study tours, publicity campaigns, dissemination of trade information, etc.,

(d). The year-wise details of the total amount allocated and disbursed /utilised under the Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) and Market Access Initiative (MAI) Schemes during the last three years is as under: -

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No.	Financial year	Amount Allocated		Amount Disbursed/ Utilised	
		MDA	MAI	MDA	MAI
1.	1999-2000	27.00	-	27.00	-
2.	2000-2001	35.00	-	35.00	-
3.	2001-2002	44.00	14.50	44.00	14.50

(e). No specific difficulties have been faced by the Government. As the EPCs are working at national level, the State Governments are not involved.

(f) Does not arise.